

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff Meeting
10:30AM – Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Blue Line Club Room

Meeting Notes

Present:

Bill Palmiscno, Chair
Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

Old Business

Special Project Request Updates – River Access in Downtown GF:

- A grant application has been submitted to the Outdoor Heritage Fund for \$127,000. Kim will be traveling to Bismarck for a 10 minute presentation on November 30th. The request for funds would be used to provide safe, dependable river access for non-motorized watercraft users and shore bank anglers. River access has long been a request from the public, both for river use and viewing.
- The boat house will stay at Lincoln Park for the winter. It can be moved to a different location if needed.

New Business

Uff Da Mud Run Wrap-up:

- The Uff Da Mud Run was very well run this year.
- The new leadership of the Uff Da Mud Run submitted a safety plan to the City of GF, with more emphasis on water safety.
- The new leadership was very professional.
- There is one spot on the trail behind Reeves Drive that may need a little more work. The area was smoothed out after the event but a dip has formed as the dirt is settling. There is a little concern that this will/can affect the grooming of the trail for cross country skiing.

River Access Master Plan:

- As stated in old business, a grant application has been submitted to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Kim is also looking at other possible funding sources for building river access points. One of these funding sources is the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.
- A Request for Proposal will be issued for a contractor to develop a master plan for river access. A rough estimate for cost is \$25,000 to \$30,000.
- The City of GF is looking for financial partners on this project. Kim would like to have something in place by November.
- Due to the discovery of Zebra Mussels, will wash out stations be needed? ND Game and Fish should have more information.

Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

Chairperson Changes:

- The Bicycle Advisory Group has been taking up a lot of time for Kim.
- The original focus of the group was to be a way for Greenway users to connect with each other and staff. The focus has now shifted more to bicycle related issues.
- It is possible that this group may be chaired by the Planning & Community Development.
- Nothing has been solidified yet regarding Chairperson change.
- Looking to find a bicycle enthusiast to be a part of this group.

Agency Updates

Minnesota DNR:

- Campground is closed but still has a couple of campers.
- The City is installing electrical service to some campsites. They are finding concrete from basements that are still located on the campgrounds.
- A resident is dumping apples for deer on the greenway. It is being done in a specific area close to both the trails and a residential street.
 - Considering setting up a trail camera to see who may be doing this.
 - Information regarding this has been sent to DNR.
- The rope swing is down.
 - A “no swimming in the river” sign will be going up in the area.
 - Kim will send Catherine the ordinance pertaining to this issue.

MPO:

- The MPO is embarking on a study for safety around the schools in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.
- The information can assist schools for funding opportunities.
- Inquiring about temporary traffic lights by the Altru Professional Buildings on South Washington Street.
 - Very costly.
 - Create too many stop lights so close together.

GF Park District:

- The Park District is in the process of winterizing everything. This includes turning off all the water fountains.
- There is a high school cross country meet in Lincoln Drive Park meet this weekend.

City of GF:

- Kim is installing the temporary ski signs along the route. She will also install signs at the ski entrance points.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist